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In re application of:

WHIRLEY, Robert G. et al.

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Sir:

The above-referenced application was filed as a patent application on January 30, 2004. To date, attorneys for applicants have not yet received an Office Action from the United States Patent Office.

Please advise us of the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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